

REMARKS

The Examiner has requested an explanation of how specific facts presented within the provided evidence relates to the claimed invention.

Regarding the additional evidence, items 1 - 4, provided in the Amendment filed 11/09/04, the facts are as follows. Note that all four items are dated prior to 1/21/2000, the effective date of the cited Baer (6,611,840) reference.

In item 2, the Sue Davies' note of 8/12/99 to John Wilson, third paragraph: processes, work patterns and work products are noted. These are the key elements of the first three limitations of Applicants' claim 9. Work Products are again noted in the second last paragraph of this item. In the fifth paragraph, Ms. Davies refers to the web site which is related to the web page limitation found in Applicant's claims 1, 7, 8, 10, 11, and 12.

In item 1, the screen shot copyright 1999, the work patterns and work products of claim 9 are also shown. Also, the Domains of Applicants' Fig. 2 and Specification page 9 lines 1 - 8 and page 10 lines 9 - 11 which support the last clause of claims 1, 7, and 8 about using the tool are shown. Reference to Applicants' domains is also found in item 2, third paragraph from the end.

Regarding Exhibit A, originally provided in a Declaration under 37 C.F.R. 1.131, filed 4/2/04 and later provided with dates showing in an Amendment filed 9/10/04, the facts are as follows. On page 3 in the center are three bulleted items, PM (e.g. project management) Domains, PM Work Products, and PM Work Patterns which as noted above relate to Applicants' claims 1, 7,

and 8 for Domains and claim 9 for Work Products and Work Patterns.

On page 3 of Exhibit A, the second last full paragraph notes inclusion of a content browser and web page which as noted above relates to Applicants' claims 1, 7, 8, 10, 11, and 12.

Also on page 3 of Exhibit A, the last full paragraph describes business units using materials including work product templates with tools, and tailoring (e.g. building) their individual project management tool as claimed in Applicants' claims 1, 7, and 8.

Consequently, Applicants have described above along with previous amendments filed 11/12/04, 9/10/04 and 4/2/04 and with the Declaration filed 4/2/04, how the evidence provided supports completion of the invention by Applicants, prior to the effective date of the Baer reference.

Actual reduction to practice also was completed prior to the effective date of the Baer reference as evidenced by items 1 - 4 provided in the amendment filed 11/9/04. To explain even more specifically, item 1 uses the WWPMM term for applicants' invention on the left-hand side. Note this WWPMM term is found in the title of Exhibit A, Applicants' invention disclosure to their employer, International Business Machines Corporation. Item 1 also shows the Work Patterns, Work Products, and Domains of Applicants' claimed invention as described above,

Item 2 uses the WWPMM term in the Subject line. Item 2 has several factual references to Applicants' claimed invention as noted above.

Item 3 lists the availability in 1999 of a training course PM01D Worldwide Project Management, see the ninth paragraph in the highlighted section of Item 3.

Finally, Item 4 also uses the WWPMM term in describing both a web version embodiment and a PDF version embodiment.

The evidence and arguments provided clearly demonstrate prior invention by Applicants under 37 C.F.R 1.131. Applicants therefore respectfully request removal of the Baer reference from further consideration and allowance of all of the rejected claims.

The Application is deemed in condition for allowance and such action by the Examiner is urged. Should differences remain, however, which do not place one/more of the remaining claims in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to phone the undersigned at the number provided below for the purpose of providing constructive assistance and suggestions in accordance with M.P.E.P. Sections 707, 707.07(d) and 707.07(j) in order that allowable claims can be presented, thereby placing the application in condition for allowance without further proceedings being necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

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